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Rehiring Decisions Causing Tensions

By Eric Eid-Reiner

Even prior to the override referendum failures approximately nine pre-professional status teachers who have taught at Lexington High School for three years or less had been informed that they would not be asked back for the 2006-2007 school year. These announcements have left the teaching staff stunned and confused, and those not rehired wondering why they are being let go.

All first-year LHS teachers undergo a three-day training and orientation under the direction of Assistant Principal George Mechem and mentor leaders, English teachers Deborah Perry and Kathy Coleman. Principal Michael Jones explained that those "new to the teaching profession" also partake in a yearlong peer-mentoring program in which they are paired with a seasoned LHS teacher, who is expected to provide encouragement, feedback, and advice to the new teacher. This program is supposed to be entirely separate from evaluation and rehiring decisions, and be directed toward preparing teachers for the LHS environment.

However, several of the new faculty members expressed mixed feelings about the initial training and peer-mentoring program. Veteran English teacher Nathan Johnson called his mentor "an invaluable support" during his first year at LHS, though others classified these experiences as ranging from "pretty good" to "mediocre."

Jones, who makes the final hiring and rehiring decisions, with the approval of the Superintendent, said that when considering whether to keep a teacher at LHS, he takes into consideration the evaluations conducted by both the teacher's department head and dean, as well as the teacher's contributions to their department and the school community at large.

One teacher who has been let go, however, said that Jones, in not asking him back, is actually going against the recommendations of both his department head and his dean. He explained that the department head and the dean visited his class a total of ten times for full class periods over the past two years, while Jones, he noted, had seen his class "for five minutes in two years."

Second year World History teacher Christopher Borden, who will not be returning, said that as a new teacher who is trying to improve his skills, he wishes that he knew more as to why his employment at LHS is being terminated. Another teacher let go, who requested to remain anonymous, said that she had received mostly positive and very helpful evaluations from her department head and dean this year, but still has not been able to find out why she is not being rehired. Prior to this year, she had never taught at the high school level and is dismayed that the school had failed to provide her with a peer mentor.

In response to such faculty concerns, Jones simply stated, "I have a strong commitment to hiring and retaining the best teachers possible...We don't let teachers go arbitrarily." He added that just because a teacher "doesn't succeed at LHS" does not mean that he or she is not a good teacher, but "the fact is, not everyone is right for LHS." This view was reiterated by more than one teacher who were told they were being let go because they were "not a good fit" for Lexington High School.

Foreign Language teacher Karen Girondel, a 33 year veteran, said that while it is difficult to have a full perspective due to the inherent confidentiality of employment matters, "It saddens me that some really great colleagues aren't going to be back next year."

Override Failures to Hit LHS

By Musket Staff

On June 5, the voters of the town of Lexington rejected two proposition 2 1/2 override votes that would have maintained and increased spending for public schools. These two rejections will have an immediate and drastic effect on school funding and programming at the high school. Question One which would have increased townwide school spending by $2.6 million was defeated by a vote of 5369 to 5143.

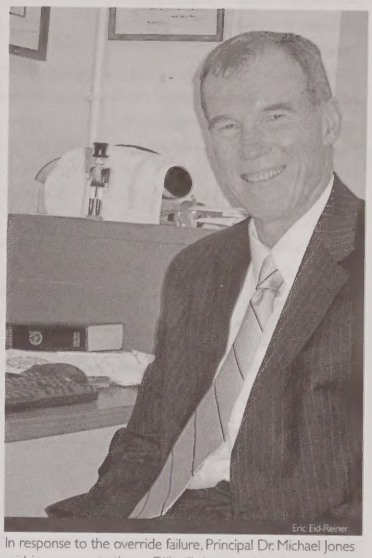
Much of the funds appropriated under Question One would have simply maintained current programming in the schools. The second item, Question Two, which would have increased funding for and expanded some existing services went down to defeat by a 5534 to 4974 margin. Question Two was asking for a funding increase of $550,00. Two other questions relating to overall town services, totaling approximately $1.8 million passed by narrow margins, thus leaving the Lexington School System as the prime victim of this year's override failure. Question Three passed 5492 to 5011, and Question Four 5325 to 5196.

As far as the high school is concerned the current projection is that the teaching staff will be reduced by as many as 17 staff members. Hardest hit will be the social studies, foreign language and math departments since the failure of Question One means that all staff members in these departments will be required to return to teaching five classes instead of the current four.

As of this writing Social Studies Department Head John Papadonis has informed his staff that five social studies teachers may be let go. The high school science department will also be immediately affected as they will be losing a 6th weekly period of science in all levels of chemistry, physics and biology.

In addition, there will be severe cuts in science, math and foreign language extra help sessions due to the increased obligations teachers will have for classroom instruction. It may thus be the case that the Math Help room may no longer be regularly staffed by math teachers. Cuts will also come to the German language program, teacher training and professional opportunities, the debate travel budget and textbook money. It is also currently projected that user's fees may have to be increased by a total of $177,000 to meet next year's budget constraints.

Without a doubt the biggest loss at the high school will be in personnel. Many of the younger teachers hired over the past two years will have to be let go. Some elective classes may have to be canceled because if the school does not have enough teachers to instruct them. Principal Michael Jones said in a memo to the high school staff after the vote, "We all knew this could happen, but somehow ... we held out faith that the town would come through for the schools once again. That did not happen."



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In response to the override failure, Principal Dr. Michael Jones said, in a memo to the staff, "I will do everything I can to support the faculty."

Meanwhile there is already talk of an override sometime in 2007, but until then the mood at the high school remains extremely glum on the eve of graduation. Senior Connie Wang said in reference to the bleak picture being painted for the high school next year," I've had a wonderful education at LHS. So I guess I'm getting out just in time."

Out of the Country, Out of Control

By Emily Moss

Recent reports of excessive drinking on LHS-sponsored cultural trips and exchanges have called into question one of the high school's most respected traditions. Over the years, LHS has sent students and faculty to many different countries including Italy, Germany, Tanzania, Honduras, Peru, Cuba, and China. Many of these countries have lowered or non-existent drinking ages, and students have taken full advantage of their increased access while abroad.

Since this year's Armenia trip resulted in the suspension of almost half the students, administrators have been discussing policies to prevent students from drinking on school-sponsored trips. Currently, students must sign a contract declaring that they won't drink, use drugs, or participate in certain other behaviors. The contract, however, appears to be largely ignored. Naris Ghazarian, a senior who went to Peru, Honduras, Tanzania, and Armenia through LHS programs, divided students into two camps: "either they didn't drink at all, or they knew it wasn't allowed and drank anyway."

Ghazarian drew a clear line between trips that were "service based" and trips that were centered around tourism. "When they're focused on community service, people weren't thinking about drinking," she said. The Armenia trip, which sends the LHS concert choir to Armenia to perform at different cultural events, also has students raising money and collecting supplies for a local organizations. Sasha Wilson, a junior, said that the excessive drinking of students "cheapened a lot of the trip." She continued, "People would say they were so moved by an experience, and then they would go make the same irresponsible choices. It was kind of hypocritical."

The Armenia trip is the largest of LHS cultural trips, sending more than 40 students and half-a-dozen chaperones. The large size of the group contributed to the problems, Wilson says. "It was so easy to get overlooked."

Historically, "home-stay" trips, where students are living with foreign families, have fewer drinking issues. "Hotel-stay" trips, including 2005's Greece trip, appear to be the worst culprits. Students used free time to buy large quantities of alcohol, which they drank in groups in their hotel rooms. It's much easier for students to justify getting drunk when they don't have to go home to their host-families later that night.

As the administration ponders its possibilities, Ghazarian points out the central problem. "Short of taping the doors shut at night or holding students' hands in stores, there's not much you can do." Despite their problems, cultural trips and exchanges are universally agreed to be great experiences where students can study language, culture, and history outside the suburban bubble of Lexington. So what to do? Give up and accept excessive drinking as a fact of adolescence? Pursue a strict policy with humongous consequences for every sip of wine? Cancel exchanges all together? None of these options are reasonable, or feasible.

Senior Lisa Schlecht may have found the answer in the French exchange: "[Drinking] wasn't a problem for the most part. There was nothing crazy. It was pretty subdued". What's special about the French exchange? Three things, actually.

First, smaller groups make it easier for chaperones to know the students personally and develop relationships that are harder for students to betray. Senior Amanda Sullivan said that "respect for Madame and Gigi (French teachers Caitlin Smith and Karen Girondel)" prevented students from going crazy.

Second, home-stay trips are safer because of the relationships that students develop with their host-families. Hotel-stay trips are harder to manage and provide more opportunities for kids to drink. Lastly, a selection process not only allows teachers to interview and choose a good, compatible group of kids, but it also deters kids who are only along for the ride.

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Senior Destinations

Marco Abela	
Alex Abramo	Syracuse University
Alicia Acevedo	
Armen Adamian	University of Connecticut
Keith Adams	Virginia State University
James Akimchuck	
Jessica Alessio	University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth
McCall Allen	
Max Alsgaard-Miller	Pitzer College
Alexandra Alspaugh	
Dong Wuk An	
Bibiana Angonese	*Moving to Barcelona, college in Spain*
Allison Archambeault	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Jareth Arnold	*Taking a year off*
Garrett Asta	American University
Nina Atkind	University of Wisconsin
Marc Auger	Bard College
Jeremy Bailey	
Samantha Balaban	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Willi Ballenthin	Columbia University
Neelan Bantu	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Mia Balsom	Trinity College
Charlie Bartlett	McGill University
Lauren Bartolotti	Roger Williams University
Chris Bassett	Bucknell University
David Batho	Academy of Art University
Jessica Batty	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Elizabeth Bauman	New York University
Ben Bautz	Stanford University
Cam Berjoan	Union College
Adrienne Berkowitz	Miami University of Ohio
Garrett Bernstein	Cornell University
Renuka Bhisetti	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Michael Bittarelli	Carnegie Mellon University
Alex Black	*Taking a year off, then New Zealand*
Rob Bleakley	*Postgraaduate year*
Ben Blieden	University of Rhode Island
Lauren Bloomberg	Clark University
Courtney Blum	Sacred Heart University
Jacob Blumberg	Indiana University
Andrew Bowen	Colorado College
David Bragen	
Kristina Brennan	University of New Hampshire
Cameron Brett	Emerson College
Andrew Briggs	Fitchburg State College
Rachel Brotman	*Taking a year off in Israel, then* Indiana University
Danielle Brown	Newbury College
Christopher Bryan	
Laura Bunzick	Sheffield Hallam University (England)
Kasey Buono	Pace Univerisity
Helen Burgard	Northeastern University
Rochelle Butler	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Brian Byrne	University of Maine
Shane Callaghan	Roger Williams University
Will Camp	University of Vermont
Malcolm Campbell	Harvard University
Antoine Cancre	Parsons School of Design
Sam Caporal	Emory University
James Cassettari	Boston University
Chris Chaffee	Carnegie Mellon University
Dave Chang	Cornell University
Emily Chang	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Joe Chang	Rice University
Tony Chang	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Jennifer Chantrtanapichate	Catholic University of America
Aurelia Chaudhury	Rice University
James Chen	University of Wisconsin
Daniel Cheung	Rochester Institute of Technology
Johnny Chew	*Taking a year off*
Stephen Chiang	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Ceciley Chisholm	Endicott College
Samantha Chisholm	Middlesex Community College
Jessica Chiu	Smith College
Sean Chou	University of Michigan- Ann Arbor
Sam Chu	New York University
Irving Chung	Duke University
Jeff Churchill	Williams College
Ashley Clark	Temple University
Kevin Clark	*Taking a year off, traveling*
Michael Clarke	Boston College
Bruce Cleaver	University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth
Melanie Close	Drew University
Jocelyn Cohen	Northwestern University
Kessa Coleman	Babson College
Ben Collins	Clark University
Dave Collins	Northwestern University
Geoff Counihan	Northeastern University
Michael Coutu	Boston College
Lionel Creech	Syracuse University
Carl Crittenden	Boston College
Kate Cusack	Johnson and Wales University
David Dadgar	University of Connecticut
Dwayne Daley	Johnson and Wales University
Daniel del Nido	Swarthmore College
John-Kevin Delegas	Babson College
Harita Dharaneeswaran	Bates College
Katherine Diaz-MacInnis	Tufts University
Florence Dickerson	University of California, Santa Cruz
Kirsten DiFronzo	University of Miami
Dane DiLiegro	Worchester Academy
Luke Dillilo	Manhattan College
Kapil Dilwali	Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Sagar Dilwali	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy
Alexandra Dimodica	Georgetown University
Alexander Dobrolioubov	Cornell University
Alexandra Dominguez	*Taking a year off, then* Wellesley College
Maggie Doran	Villanova University
Joshua Doremus	*Taking a year off*
Kim Douglas	Emerson College
Eliza Duncan	*Taking a year off in Australia*
Emily Dunn	Pratt Institute
Eric Dyer	College of Wooster
Stuart Easton	Quinnipiac University
Alexandra Edelstein	Lafayette College
Greg Edmonston	*Work*
Katie Egan	Westfield State College
Matthew Ellis	Northeastern University
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Josh Evans	University of Massachusetts, Lowell
Sam Feeley	*Taking a year off, then* University of Florida
Sarah Feinman	Clark University
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Brian Grimson	Rhode Island School of Design
Alina Griner	Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Rebecca Grollman	Ithaca College
Michael Grossi	Northeastern University
Rachel Grossman	Hartwick College
Michael Guttag	Syracuse University
Ayala Hammami	Binghamton University
Bobby Hammond	Keene State College
Tyler Hanchett-Leon	Stonehill College
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Kelly Harvell	Loyola College in Maryland
Lucas Haus	Ohio Technical College
Robert Havdala	Tufts University
Elissa Haverty	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Patrick Healey	University of St. Thomas
Sara Heaton	University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth
Meggie Heffernan	Marist College
Dan Hiller	University of Miami
Patrick Hogan	Daniel Webster College
Samina Hossain	Tufts University
Jonathan Hui	
Mitchell Hurst	
Mason Irving	University of Vermont
David Izbicki	Emory University
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Lauren Jigarjian	Assumption College
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Danny Joseph	Tufts University
Jack Justice	Wentworth Institute of Technology
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Bryan Kao	Ohio State University
Rachel Kase	University of Virginia
Noa Katzelnik	University of New Hampshire
Kenneth Kaufman	Colby College
Erin Kelly	University of Notre Dame
Robert Kent	Lasell College
Tara Keramaty	Boston College
Tanya Keverian	Cornell University
Joe Kiernan	Lehigh University
Stacey Kilpatrick	Champlain College
Caroline Kim	Skidmore College
Christiana Kim	
Dianne Kim	Tufts University
Nicholas Kim	Northwestern University
Peter Kim	Harvard University
Allison Kimball	Boston University
Jessie Kimball	Middlebury College
Kate Kimball	Wheaton College
Noe Kinet	Columbia University
Christian Koha	Boston College
Michael Koha	Boston College
Ben Koha	Boston College
Sasha Kossak	Temple University
Stephanie Kozak	Simmons College
Jennifer Kozin	Duke University
Joshua Kwolek	Berklee School of Music
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Joshua Kwon	
Heather Lancaster	New York University
Grace Lane	University of California, Los Angeles
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Lucas LeBlanc	University of Tampa

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Michael Leelman	University of Vermont Business School
Adam Leonard	Brown University
Zak Leonard	Brown University
Shira Levien	New York Univesity
Gareth Lewis	Union College
Jenny Lin	Cornell University
Michael Lipschutz	Washington University in St. Louis
Brian Lipson	Brandeis University
Clive Liu	Vanderbilt University
Mark Liu	Bates College
Will Liu	University of Wisconsin
Ashley Lopes	Johns Hopkins University
Chris Lopez	
Cara Lowenthal	Pennsylvania State University
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Alex MacNeil	
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Josh McBride	Johnson and Wales University
Kyle McDonald	Boston College
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Scott Miley	Champlain College
Kelly Miller	University of Virginia
Olivia Miller	Trinity College
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Doria Nathanson	Art Institute of Boston
Zach Natola	Middlesex Community College
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Hye-Young Park	University of San Francisco
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Kara Reardon	Johnson and Wales University
Jamie Rees	Tulane University
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Paul Reny	Tufts University
Kelly Reynolds	University of Wisconsin
Matt Reynolds	Syracuse University
Marki Richelson	University of New Hampshire
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Karthik Sugumaran	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Amanda Sullivan	Alfred University
Brendan Sullivan	
Kate Sullivan	Connecticut College
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Byron S. Swann	
Daniel Swords	Sonoma State University
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Kevin Tam	University of San Francisco
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Kai-Roy Wang	University of Rochester
Sam Wass	Duke University
Samantha Waxman	Bowdoin College
Jill Weiner	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Ari Weiser	University of Chicago
David Wen	Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Jeff Whalen	
Erik White	Westfield State College
Nick Wisdom	Northeastern University
Alyssa Woo	University of Wisconsin
Bryan Woodward	Villanova University
Chris Woodward	Northeastern University
Derrick Xu	University of Pittsburgh
Erbo Xu	Boston College
Janet Yeung	Tufts University
Matt Yiu	Suffolk University
Nathan Yonren	Elon University
Edwin Yu	University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
John Yui	Bentley College
Meggie Yurkevicz	Fairfield University
Olivia Zewinski	Keene State College
Lily Zhang	University of California, Berkeley
Harvey Zhou	Queens University at Kingston

Boys' Lacrosse Takes League Title

By Simon Lehar

It has been another successful year for Lexington boys' varsity lacrosse. Finishing the season 11-1 in the Middlesex League and 15-4 overall, the Minutemen clinched their fifth straight playoff birth and their third straight league championship.

Streaks were the story of the season as the Minutemen started hot, defeating their first four opponents. After dropping three in a row, they rebounded by winning eleven of their last twelve games with a win against league rival, Winchester, who Lexington would ultimately share their Middlesex League title with.

However, playoffs in the past have proved troublesome for the Minutemen, who have lost in the first round each of the past four years. The team hopes to erase that record with a win over Dartmouth this year.

It is remarkable how well the team has done within the Middlesex League, outscoring their league opponents an astounding 150-31. In the last two games of the season, against Reading and Burlington, the Minutemen smelled the league championship and stepped up their play.

In the Burlington game, Sophomore Tyler Gelnaw and Senior Drew Smith netted three goals each and were supported by two-goal games by Rob Bond, David Robinson, and Billy Bleakley.

Against the Reading Rockets, Senior David Robinson single-handedly outscored Reading with four goals in a 12-3 win, while Luke DiLillo put in a great and balanced game with three goals and three assists.

With the team's turbulent playoff history, there is no doubt that Lexington is thirsty for post-season success. With their in-game intensity and season-long dominance, this year's boys make it difficult to doubt them in the playoffs.

Trevor Keenan strong work on the mound helped the team gain the league title

Girls' Tennis Finishes Year in Transition

By Tsung-Tang Shen

The varsity girls' tennis team's season ended with a narrow 2-3 loss against Burlington. With a 7-11 season record, the girls missed the state tournament, but the season was far from a loss.

The team experienced the growing pains of having young talent on the roster as three freshmen joined them. However, the three freshmen who played, Jane Studeny, Etasha Srinivas, and Jess Fiola, showed flashes of brilliance throughout the season and will form an excellent core of players in coming seasons.

The loss of Amy Greenberg, who was injured at the beginning of the season, played a large role in the team's struggle.

Even so, the team is extremely confident that they will qualify for the tournament next year. "We have a strong and very energetic team to look forward to," said Srinivas.

Middlesex League Champs Fall in State Tournament

By Stuart Grimes

After finishing the regular season very strongly, the baseball team lost a heartbreaking 4-3 game to Malden Catholic in the second round of the state turnament.

Prior to the tournament the boys had finished the season with n impressive record of 17-3, winning the Middlesex League title against a extremely tough opposition.. Following an early 5-2 start, Lexington's baseball team continued to roll. After a 2-1 victory over Watertown, the Minutemen traveled to Cooperstown, home of the Baseball Hall of Fame, to square off against traditional rival Reading. In an exciting come-from-behind 8-7 win, the Minutemen showed their resilience.

Lexington then took care of Burlington 4-3 in another exciting victory. They continued their torrid streak with victories over Stoneham, Melrose, Woburn, Watertown, Winchester, and Reading for a second time.

Lexington finished off their Middlesex League dominance with a 3-2 win over Burlington and a 6-1 victory over Watertown.

The boys then showed they were ready for play outside the league, sweeping a doubleheader against Everett. Nick Ruocco and Max McKenna led the dominant pitching staff all season long. Senior Lucas LeBlanc consistently pitched well while contributing offensively alongside Ross Curley, Matt Reynolds, Kenneth Kaufman, Brian Byrne, Jason Fishman and Ruocco.

Girls' Lacrosse Earns Tourney Berth

By Stuart Easton

With the girls' lacrosse regular season over and the tournament nearing, it is time to reflect on an extremely successful season. The girls finished second in the league with a Middlesex League record of 16-2 with both losses coming at the hands of the first place Winchester Sachems. Now the girls can only wait for their seeding in the state tournament. With a record that speaks for itself, the outlook is positive.

But the whole season hasn't been a breeze. In their last game versus Winchester, the girls had a golden opportunity to snag the Middlesex League title. They came out fighting in the first half, with goals from Kelly Harvell, Katherine Diaz-MacInnis, Soo Mee Yoon, Shelly Butler, and Michaela Cyr and went into half time down 6-5. The game could have easily been tied at six, but another goal by Butler was disallowed, as the referees claimed that the halftime horn had sounded before the ball had crossed the goal line.

But just after the start of the second half, Cyr powered home another goal to take away Winchester's game-long lead and knot the score up at six. Unfortunately, this would be the last bright spot for Lexington for a while.

Over the next fourteen minutes of the game, Winchester caught fire, netting a total of ten unanswered goals. Butler mercifully ended this streak by scoring with ten minutes left in the game to make it 16-7. For the last ten minutes, the teams went back and forth, but it was not enough for Lexington, as they fell 19-10.

It may appear that there is nothing good to take out of this game, but for that first half, the girls showed that they could play with anyone, even the back-to-back Middlesex League champions.

When all is said and done, the girls head into the tournament with a sixteen win season and a second place finish under their belt. Now they await their seeding and opponent for the first round of the tournament. The way the girls have played all season, this state tournament promises to be exciting for both the players and the fans.

Boys Track Are Champs Once Again

By Mike Grossi

As usual, the Lexington boys' track team had a spotless record, 9 – 0 record, continuing their dominance over the Middlesex League competition. The boys handled their toughest opponents, defeating a strong Burlington team 76 to 60. In that meet Lexington swept the 200m, with Junior Darius Walker taking 1st, Senior captain Dave Smoot in second, and Senior Eric Dyer – who has consistently run well in short distance events – in third.

On May 11th, the boys faced the powerful Reading Rockets who they soundly defeated 81 to 55. Senior Jeff Churchill, who has consistently placed among the top three throwers season long, won the javelin event in a dramatic fashion with a throw of 150 feet. Lexington also had great performances in the high jump from Junior Meikle Paschal and Senior Juan Quezada

Other winners that day were Walker in the 200m, Paschal in the 400m and high jump, Greg McKenna in the 300m hurdles, and the 4x100 relay team. The victory, Lexington's second against Reading this year, marks the first time any team has ever beaten Reading twice in Middlesex League competition.

Lexington capped off its impressive outdoor season by taking fourth in the Class A competition with both Paschal and Walker taking first places in their repspective events.